

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-21, 23, 24 and 27-29 are pending in the present application with claims 1 and 14 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the previous Restriction was withdrawn; claims 1, 3, 6-9, 12-15, 19-21, 23, 24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thiagarajan et al. in view of Potrebic and Tsutsumi; and there were four rejections of the dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 1, 3, 6-9, 12-15, 19-21, 23, 24 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thiagarajan et al. in view of Potrebic and Tsutsumi. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claim 1 includes a combination of features and has been amended to clarify that a controller is configured to initialize identifying information for identifying a success of recording of each of more than one broadcasting programs, when recordings of the more than one broadcasting programs are scheduled at the same time, to select a single broadcasting program among the more than one broadcasting programs and control to record the selected broadcasting program, and to change the identifying information of the single broadcasting program if the recording of the single broadcasting program is successful. Independent claim 14 has been amended in a similar manner.

The Office Action recognizes that Thiagarajan et al. and Potrebic do not teach or suggest changing the identifying information of the single broadcast program if the recording of the single broadcast program is successful and relies on Tsutsumi as showing features of managing the identifying information for identifying a successive recording of each of more than one broadcasting program.

However, it is respectfully noted that Tsutsumi teaches that when the VCR is in a video tape recording condition, a flag "1" is set at the position of the video tape recording and when the video tape is released or completed, the flag is reset (see column 4, lines 38-41). In Tsutsumi, the flag shows the condition of the VCR (see column 3, lines 15-17). That is, the flag does not

indicate the condition of recording of the program. Also, the flag in Tsutsumi is reset when the video tape is released. Thus, the flag of Tsutsumi cannot indicate whether or not the recording is successful. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted Tsutsumi does not teach or suggest changing the identifying information of the single broadcasting program among the identifying information for identifying a successive recording of each of more than one broadcast programs if the recording of the single broadcast program is successful as claimed by the present invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted amended independent claims 1 and 14, and each of the claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted the additional rejections noted in the Office Action have also been overcome as the claims rejected therein are dependent claims and the additionally applied references also do not teach or suggest the features recited in the corresponding independent claims.

CONCLUSION

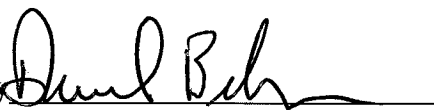
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all of the claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau, Reg. No. 42,325, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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